

1 S.190

2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation; economic development

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the  
7 redemption period following a tax sale of blighted property.

8 An act relating to the tax sale of blighted property

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 5251 is amended to read:

11 § 5251. DEFINITIONS

12 ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in sections 5251-5258 5251-5263 and  
13 5292-5295 of this title:

14 (1) The ~~assessment of a tax~~ “assessment of a tax” shall be defined to  
15 mean all acts required by law to be done in respect to such tax by the officials  
16 of the town designated by law for that purpose, from the time of the making of  
17 a warning for an annual town meeting, up to and including the time that a tax  
18 bill is placed in the hands of the town treasurer for collection, in cases where  
19 the town votes to collect by its treasurer, or when the town does not so vote, up

1 to and including the time that a tax bill with a warrant annexed thereto for  
2 collection has been placed in the hands of the town tax collector for collection.

3 (2) ~~The collection of a tax~~ "collection of a tax" shall be defined to mean  
4 all acts required by law to be done or permitted by law to be done in respect to  
5 such tax, by either the town treasurer or the town tax collector, from the time  
6 specified in the preceding section as marking the end of the assessment of the  
7 tax, up to and including the last act required or permitted by law to be done by  
8 the town tax collector in the enforcement of the collection of the tax.

9 (3) "Blighted property" means a dwelling unit certified as blighted  
10 pursuant to subsection 3850(a) of this title.

11 Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 5260a is added to read:

12 § 5260a. REDEMPTION OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY

13 (a) The owner or mortgagee of blighted property sold for taxes, or his or  
14 her representatives or assigns, shall have six months from the date of sale to  
15 redeem the property. The cost to redeem shall include the sum for which the  
16 land was sold with interest calculated at a rate of one percent per month or  
17 fraction thereof from the date of sale to the date of payment and shall be paid  
18 to the collector who made the sale, or in the case of his or her death or removal  
19 from the town where the property is located, to the town clerk of such town.

20 (b) If the owner or mortgagee of blighted property sold for taxes redeems  
21 the property pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, then a deed shall not be

1     made to the purchaser pursuant to section 5261 of this title, and the money paid  
2     by the owner or mortgagee, or his or her representatives or assigns, to the town  
3     collector or town clerk shall be paid over to the purchaser on demand.

4     Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5     This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.